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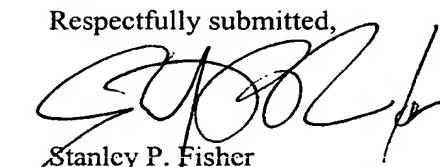
Sir:

The below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

( )	Priority Documents ()	( ) Assignment Document
( )	Request for Priority	( ) Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)
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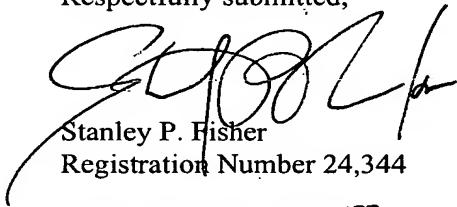
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated January 22, 2002, of the Initial Patent Examination Division of the Patent and Trademark Office, the period for response to which is set to expire on March 22, 2002. Submitted herewith is an executed declaration for the above-captioned application.

The fee of \$130.00 is enclosed. Please direct any inquiries in connection with this application to the undersigned.

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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